

LEGAL NOTICE

The Arkansas State Athletic Commission of the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing, 900 West Capitol Avenue, suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.** The public hearing will be conducted for the purpose of accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the administrative rules of the Arkansas State Athletic Commission. First, the rules would be amended as follows: 1) adding the licensing fee waiver requirement of Act 725 of 2021; 2) automatic licensure of uniformed service members pursuant to Act 135 of 2021; 3) amend the board's rules to comply with Act 748 of 2021 regarding pre-licensure criminal background checks and waiver requests; 4) amend the board's rules to comply with current accounting responsibilities and practices; 5) amend the board's rules to comply with the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, Arkansas Code §§ 25-15-208 – 211; 6) amend the definition of "Act"; 7) raise the surety bond requirement from \$5,000 to \$20,000; and 8) repeal the rules on professional wrestling. The commission's current rules contain duplicative language, as well as rules on professional wrestling, which are no longer valid due to Act 923 of 2019. The repeal of the professional wrestling rules and the elimination of duplicative language through reorganization will reduce the commission's rules from 204 pages to 64 pages. Other amendments of the rules involve grammar and stylistic changes as a result of government transformation.

Written comment will be accepted through Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. by the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing at the above address. A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained by calling the Code Enforcement Section at (501)682-4547. A copy of proposed amendments can also be accessed on the Department of Labor's website at:

<http://www.labor.arkansas.gov/news/proposed-rule-making/>

or the Secretary of State's website at:

http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules_and_regs/index.php/rules/search/new

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